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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

REF: (A) STATE 125343; (B) JIDDA 4579

1. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA INFORMS US THAT HASSAN MISHARI, ACCOMPANIED BY THREE AIDES, HAS ACCEPTED GOVERNOR'S INVITATION TO VISIT MONTANA AND WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 1. INFORMATION HAS COME ORALLY VIA FRIEND WHO RECENTLY WAS WITH MISHARI IN LONDON. STATE OF MONTANA WILL TRANSPORT MISHARI PARTY TO STATE AND RETURN THEM TO WASHINGTON. TAHER OBEID AND MOHAMMAD SADI REPORTEDLY WILL ACCOMPANY. NAME OF THIRD INVITEE NOT AVAILABLE.

2. FYI. MONTANA PROGRAM EXPECTED TO CONSIST OF FOLLOWING:

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A. DAY ONE: TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON TO BOZEMAN, MONTANA,

TO VISIT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

B. DAY TWO: VISIT BY HELICOPTER TO IRRIGATION PROJECT AND CATTLE FEEDLOT FACILITIES.

C. DAY THREE: VISIT TO CATTLE FARM, TO WHEAT FARM, AND ON TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.

D. DAY FOUR: RETURN TO BOZEMAN FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIVERSITY AND STATE TRADE OFFICIALS. POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SOME OTHER WESTERN GOVERNORS.

E. DAY FIVE: RETURN TO WASHINGTON. END FYI.

3. AS NOTED REF. (A), SECRETARY BUTZ HAS EXTENDED INVITATION TO MISHARI TO VISIT HIM IN WASHINGTON, AND WOULD HOST SMALL LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR ON SEPTEMBER 2.

4. IF MISHARI WISHES TO SPEND ADDITIONAL TIME FOLLOWING MONTANA VISIT, THERE ARE OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST RELEVANT TO SAUDI ARABIA. TRAVEL EXPENSES APART FROM MONTANA PROGRAM WOULD BE AT SAG EXPENSE. VISITS COULD INCLUDE A SPRINKLER IRRIGATION PROJECT IN IDAHO SIMILAR IN MANY WAYS TO THAT RECOMMENDED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEAM FOR SAUDI WADI DAWASIR PROJECT, AS WELL AS AN EXAMPLE IN CALIFORNIA OF TRICKLE IRRIGATION (WHERE INDIVIDUAL TUBES CARRY WATER TO BASE OF EVERY PLANT, A SYSTEM IN USE IN ABU DHABI). VISITS TO OTHER SITES COULD BE ARRANGED, DEPENDING ON MISHARI'S INTERESTS: POULTRY PROJECTS, DATE PALM FARMING, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (RIVERSIDE) OR ARIZONA RESEARCH STATIONS, OR OTHERS. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ESCORT.

5. REQUEST POST CONTACT MISHARI TO CONFIRM HIS ACCEPTANCE OF MONTANA INVITATION, ASK IF HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS OUTSIDE MONTANA, AND IF SO, GET CLEAR IDEA OF HIS INTERESTS. WOULD ALSO HOPE TO KNOW ARRIVAL TIME AND FLIGHT NUMBER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

6. FOR LONDON: IF MISHARI IS STILL IN LONDON, REQUEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU SEEK TO CONFIRM HIS ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION AND TO DETERMINE IF HE WILL RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA, WHERE JIDDA MAY FOLLOW UP ON ABOVE INQUIRIES, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR US. IF HE DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO SAUDI ARABIA, REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT TO GET HIS IDEAS ON LENGTH OF TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND IN US, PLUS TYPES OF PROJECTS HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. PLEASE INSURE THAT MISHARI UNDERSTANDS THAT, WHILE US STANDS READY TO ASSIST IN

ARRANGING PROGRAM, ALL EXPENSES APART FROM MONTANA VISIT
ARE ON SAG ACCOUNT. KISSINGER

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